

Phil. 100A
Ethics
Spring 2008

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REQUIRED TEXTS

Morgan, Classics of Moral and Political Theory. Contains:

Mill, Utilitarianism (995-1028).
Kant, Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals (893-933).
Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics (255-360)
Hume: Treatise 752-774
Mill: On Liberty 936-994
Locke: Second Treatise of Government (684-749)

Reader

Timmons, "Metaethics and Methodology (in Reader)
Nussbaum, "Women and Cultural Universals" (in Reader)

REQUIRED WORK

Tests: two hour tests, April 25 and May 21, and a take home final (due Monday June 9)

The take home final must be submitted as a hard copy, not an email attachment.

If you have a good reason why you are unable to take a test or submit the test on time, you must inform me before the day of the exam or the day the take home is due. Otherwise, there will be a penalty for lateness.

A grade of incomplete will be approved only for a confirmed medical or family emergency. The due date to complete the work will be no later than June 30, 2008.

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

Week 1 Mill, Utilitarianism, Chapters 1 and 2
Week 2 Mill, Utilitarianism, Chapter 5; Kant, Preface and First Section
Week 3 Kant, Grounding, Preface and First Section, Second Section
Week 4 Kant, Grounding, Second Section (up to p. 919). HOURLY TEST, April 25

- Week 5 Aristotle, Book 1, chaps 1-9, 13 Book 2, Chaps. 5-6 ; Bk 3, chs 6-12; Bk 4, ch 1
Week 6 Aristotle, Bk 5, chs 1-4; Bk 8, chs 1-7; Book 10, chs 6-7. Timmons (in Reader)
Week 7 Hume 752-764, Mill, On Liberty Chaps 1 and 2
Week 8 Mill, On Liberty Chaps 2 and 3 HOOR TEST May 21, Locke Second Treatise 1-5

Week 9 Locke, Second Treatise 1-5, 7-9
Week 10 Locke Second Treatise 19, Nussbaum, "Women and Cultural Universals"